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SUBJECT: ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS - GIBBONS

1. U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE REQUESTS A CERTIFIED AND AN EXEMPLIFIED RESPONSE FROM THE FOLLOWING THAI OFFICIAL TO GAIN EVIDENCE FOR USE IN AN INVESTIGATION NOW IN PROGRESS.

2. PLEASE CONTACT:

MR. PONG LENG EE

CHIEF

NATIONAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

ROYAL FORESTERY DEPARTMENT

PAHOLYOTHIN ROAD

BANGKOK, THAILAND

3. INFORM HIM OF THE FOLLOWING:

BETWEEN 1972 AND 1974 SEVERAL SHIPMENTS OF LIVE GIBBONS ORIGINATING IN THAILAND HAVE BEEN IMPORTED INTO THE U.S. BY THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS FROM THE ARK ANIMAL EXCHANGE, VANKLEEK HILL, ONTARIO, CANADA. INDICATIONS ARE THAT THESE GIBBONS WERE ILLEGALLY EXPORTED FROM THAILAND TO CANADA

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THEN IMPORTED FROM CANADA INTO THE U.S.

4. REQUEST CHIEF, NATIONAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DIVISION PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. CERTIFIED COPY OF THAI LAW REGULATING THE EXPORT OF GIBBONS.

B. A NOTORIZED STATEMENT ADVISING WHAT OFFICIALS ARE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE EXPORT PERMITS FOR GIBBONS

C. CERTIFIED COPIES OF ALL PERMITS ISSUED AUTHORIZING THE EXPORT OF GIBBONS TO CANADA OR THE U.S. BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 1971 AND NOVEMBER 1, 1974. IF NO SUCH PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED THEN NEED NOTORIZED STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT. PARTICULARLY INCLUDE THAT NO SUCH PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO ARK ANIMAL EXCHANGE, VANKLEEK, ONTARIO, CANADA, OR TO UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS, DAVIS, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

5. AMEMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO EXEMPLIFY THIS OFFICIALS STATEMENT AND DOCUMENTS AND IDENTIFY IF ALL POSSIBLE FOR EVIDENTIARY REASONS.

6. ALSO PLEASE CONTACT:

COL. WINTER
DIRECTOR
WALTER REED SEATO LAB FACILITY
BANGKOK, THAILAND

COL DAVID DAVIDSON
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
GIBBON RESEARCH LAB
WALTER REED LAB FACILITY
BANGKOK, THAILAND

7. OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE INCLUDING STATEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS CONCERNING SHIPMENTS OF GIBBONS FROM SEATO LAB TO CANADA OR THE U.S. SPECIFICALLY INTERESTED IN SEATO GIBBONS DESTINED FOR UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS. NEED INFORMATION ON NUMBER AND DATES OF SHIPMENTS, NUMBER OF ANIMALS INVOLVED, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOW ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE, WHO APPROVED SHIPMENTS AND NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL PERSONS INVOLVED.

8. IN REPLY PLEASE PASS TO T. STRIEGLER, LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, WASHINGTON, D.C. INGERSOLL

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